

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendment to claims 21, 23 and 24 is found in claim 20 as previously presented. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20-24 will remain active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The claimed invention is directed to a vaporization system comprising a vaporization promoting element and specific sesquiterpene alcohol comprising compositions wherein the composition is of a purity having no odor above a detectable threshold. Applicants have discovered that at a purity in which impurities are not above a detectable odor, the claimed sesquiterpene alcohols provide efficacy as autonomic nerve regulating agents, suitable for vaporization.

Applicants wish to thank examiner Gembeh and Supervisory Patent Examiner Marschel for the helpful and courteous discussion held with their U.S. representative on April 3, 2008. At that time, applicants' U.S. representative argued that after deletion of eugenol from the Markush group of sesquiterpene alcohols from claim 20, none of the claimed sesquiterpene alcohols were described in the cited references. The examiners indicated that deletion of a species from the Markush group should not be viewed as raising new issues. The following is intended to expand upon the discussion with the examiners.

Applicants wish to thank examiner Gembeh for indicating that claims 21-24 would be allowable in rewritten in independent form. Each of claims 21 and 23-24 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of independent claim 20 as previously presented. The examiner is invited to allow each of claims 21-24.

The rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Feist et al. U.S. 4,659,493 is respectfully traversed.

The examiner has concluded that Feist et al. discloses a composition which contains eugenol which has no odor. Not withstanding the failure of the reference to describe a composition comprising a sesquiterpene alcohol, **the composition** being of a purity having **no odor above a detectable threshold**, applicants have now deleted eugenol from the list of sesquiterpene alcohols from claim 20. As the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest a composition comprising a sesquiterpene alcohol of cedrol, cedrenol, farnesol, patchouli alcohol,  $\alpha$ -santalol,  $\alpha$ -bisabolol,  $\beta$ -caryophyllene alcohol, vetiverol, sclareol, geranyl linalool, isophytol, nerolidol, globulol, guaiol and a mixture thereof, the invention of claim 20 is not rendered obvious by this reference and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early identification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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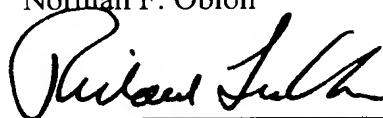
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